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SUBJECT: R/V ATLANTIS II CLEARANCE REQUEST, 6 JAN - 4 FEB
1978

1. R/V ATLANTIS II, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE
WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION AND FUNDED BY THE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT
MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF THE COASTS OF HAITI,
CUBA, JAMAICA, AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE PURPOSE
OF THE RESEARCH IS TO CONDUCT AN UNDERWAY GEOPHYSICAL
SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURAL RELATION-
SHIPS BETWEEN THE CAYMAN TROUGH AND THE GREATER
ANTILLES RIDGE. A MULTI-CHANNEL SEISMIC PROFILING
ARRAY AND A MAGNETOMETER WILL BE TOWED CONTINUOUSLY
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ALONG THE TRACK FROM WOODS HOLE TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.
A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

2. A. FOR HAITI: THE SURVEY WILL COMMENCE ON OR ABOUT
12 JANUARY APPROACHING TO ABOUT ONE NAUTICAL MILE FROM
LLE DE LA TORTUE, THEREAFTER ENTERING AND RE-ENTERING
TERRITORIAL LIMITS AS SHOWN THROUGH 16 JAN. ENTRY WILL

AGAIN BE MADE ON OR ABOUT 27 JAN. AT POINTE DES TIBURAN
AND CONTINUING AS SHOWN THROUGH 30 JAN.

B. FOR CUBA: THE SURVEY WILL FIRST ENTER CUBAN TERRI-
TORIAL WATERS 16 JANUARY, 1978, AT CABO MAISI, APPROACH-
ING TO ABOUT ONE NAUTICAL MILE FROM THE COAST. THERE-
AFTER THE SURVEY WILL MAKE THREE OTHER APPROACHES TO THE
CUBAN COAST: ON 19, 22, 24 JAN. THESE ARE SHOWN ON
CHARTLET TO BE POUCHED.

C. FOR JAMAICA: THE FIRST APPROACH TO JAMAICA IS 18
JAN. AT NORTHEAST POINT. DISTANCE OFF WILL BE ABOUT ONE
NAUTICAL MILE. A SECOND APPROACH WILL BE ON OR ABOUT
26 JAN. PASSING ABOUT TWO NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF MORANT
POINT.

D. FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: THE SURVEY OFF THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM ABOUT 30 JAN TO 3 FEB
WITH THE APPROACH ON 2 FEB COMING WITHIN ABOUT ONE MILE
OF THE COAST.

3. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS ELAZAR UCHUPI OF WHOI WITH A
SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 26. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONE
SCIENTIST EACH FROM HAITI, JAMAICA, AND THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC, AND TWO SCIENTISTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED FROM
CUBA. SINCE THE ATLANTIS II WILL BE REQUIRED TO STREAM
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THE TOWED EQUIPMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CRUISE AND
BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY INVOLVED IN RETRIEVING THE GEAR,
ALL PARTICIPATING SCIENTISTS WILL HAVE TO BOARD THE VESSEL
AT WOODS HOLE PRIOR TO 6 JAN. AND DISEMBARK AT SAN JUAN
ON 4 FEB. WHOI HAS OFFERED TO DEFRAY THE TRANSPORTATION
COSTS AND ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AFTER HOST COUNTRIES
INDICATE THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE. ADDITIONALLY,
ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE HOST COUNTRIES.

4. THE CAPTAIN OF ATLANTIS II IS DAVID F. CASILES WITH
A CREW OF 30. ATLANTIS II IS 2300 GROSS TONS, 210 FT.
LONG, AND HAS A DRAFT OF 16 FT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS
KADC AND SHIP MONITORS STANDARD EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES.

5. ONLY SEISMIC, MAGNETIC, AND BATHYMETRIC DATA WILL BE
COLLECTED AND NO OTHER EQUIPMENT WILL BE UTILIZED EXCEPT
THE SEISMIC ARRAY AND MAGNETOMETER.

6. ACTION: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR
R/V ATLANTIS II TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN
THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF HOST COUNTRIES FOR PERIOD
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